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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR INTERPOL, DAMASCUS

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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH FETEYEH, CHIEF OF SYRIAN INTERPOL. FETEYEH SAID HE WANTS TELEX VICE HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE CAPABILITY OF STAFFING MORSE CODE-USING RADIO EQUIPMENT. HE REGRETTED THAT THIS ENTAILS LESS DIRECT CONTACT WITH WASHINGTON INTERPOL BUT STATED THAT HIS REASONS ARE TECHNICAL AND NOT POLITICAL.

2. FETEYEH SAID THAT ONE TELEX UNIT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR DAMASCUS AND THAT HE HAS ALREADY PASSED ALL EQUIPMENT-RELATED TECHNICAL QUERIES TO INTERPOL BEIRUT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED FOR SOME TIME WITH MAJOR FETEYEH'S UNUSUALLY NON-POLITICAL AND CANDID APPROACH TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ARE, THEREFORE, INCLINED TO BELIEVE HIS STATEMENT THAT
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SYRIANS IDEALLY WOULD LIKE MOST DIRECT COMMO LINK

POSSIBLE WITH WASHINGTON INTERPOL AND THAT REASON
FOR PREFERRING TELEX IS SIMPLY LACK OF RADIO
OPERATORS IN HIS OFFICE.
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